

May 20, 2016

The Honorable Jackie Lacey
Los Angeles County District Attorney
210 West Temple Street, Room 18-709
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Dear Ms. Lacey:

Members of the Quality and Productivity Commissioners would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to provide an informative update on the Office of the District Attorney during the Department Visit on May 19, 2016. Since our visit two years ago, Commissioners were pleased with the increased effort your office has made against cybercrime and expansion of the Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Campaign across the County.

Fraud Fridays, an ongoing awareness initiative spearheaded by your Hi-Tech Crime Unit, has helped to reduce some of the \$219 million lost daily by consumers due to financial fraud.

We commend you for taking a firm leadership role in diverting mentally ill individuals from the County's jail system into more appropriate treatment environments. One such example is the co-location of DA staff in Department 95. To date, 115 non-violent, mentally ill people have been diverted from jail into community-based treatment programs. The collaboration with the Department of Mental Health has also assisted with the opening of five Urgent Care Centers.

The District Attorney's Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) has achieved impressive milestones, including establishing a 16-hour training program for law enforcement first responders, which has POST (Police Officer Standards and Training) certification. The instruction on effective crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques has increased public safety by reducing the number of violent incidents with law enforcement personnel.

Commissioners also were impressed with quality and productivity improvements in the following areas:

- Establishing an Office of Diversion and Re-entry with \$120 million in funding from the Board of Supervisors

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- Increasing the number of Community Collaborative Courts to monitor defendants long-term
- Growing the First Step Program outreach to encompass nine juvenile offices and partnering with community-based agencies such as the YWCA
- Preparing for an increased workload due to Proposition 47, which allows defendants to petition for resentencing

We look forward to working with you on:

- Identifying funding to develop a database of mental health resources
- Addressing the complex issues pertaining to digital evidence, namely the deployment of Body Worn Cameras
- Projects that may be eligible for support from the Productivity Investment Fund

Thank you for taking the time to update the Commission on Department operations. We will continue to work closely with Productivity Manager Tracy Holcombe. Please contact Victoria Pipkin-Lane, Executive Director, at (213) 974-1361 for additional information.

Sincerely,



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